

## **04-141 Office of the Attorney General**

### **Agency Description**

Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, is to achieve excellence by providing superior public legal representation, professional and effective law enforcement, and assertive public advocacy to the State of Louisiana in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

The goals of the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, are:

1. Provide superior legal and professional services to the State of Louisiana.
2. Develop a working environment that encourages competent individuals to pursue career employment in the Department of Justice.
3. Develop a state-of-the-art management information system.
4. Improve the process of recovering monies owed to the State of Louisiana and limit the liabilities of the state.
5. Improve cooperative working relationships with federal, state, and local agencies and private sector organizations.
6. Establish criteria for measuring activity.
7. Make public service information accessible to the citizens of Louisiana.

The Department of Justice is under the direction of the Attorney General, who is authorized under Article IV, Section 8, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, to exercise all functions related to being the chief legal officer of the state. The Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has five programs: Administrative, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud, Risk Litigation, and Gaming.

## AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$10,310,635	\$11,304,419	\$11,429,830	\$15,267,754	\$11,331,557	(\$98,273)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	1,333,719	12,801,353	12,801,353	13,088,877	13,403,853	602,500
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	12,612,277	5,085,938	5,106,146	5,019,169	4,487,864	(618,282)
Statutory Dedications	4,247,433	5,290,404	5,780,152	5,451,696	5,414,368	(365,784)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,571,131	1,863,236	2,103,693	1,757,963	1,583,975	(519,718)
<b>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING</b>	<b>\$30,075,195</b>	<b>\$36,345,350</b>	<b>\$37,221,174</b>	<b>\$40,585,459</b>	<b>\$36,221,617</b>	<b>(\$999,557)</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administrative	\$2,970,613	\$3,151,899	\$3,392,356	\$7,047,780	\$5,007,862	\$1,615,506
Civil Law	7,556,586	11,265,914	11,411,325	11,045,675	9,583,718	(1,827,607)
Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud	4,780,930	5,635,194	5,635,194	5,679,514	4,787,069	(848,125)
Risk Litigation	10,876,188	11,125,814	11,125,814	11,461,661	11,842,271	716,457
Gaming	3,890,878	5,166,529	5,656,485	5,350,829	5,000,697	(655,788)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST</b>	<b>\$30,075,195</b>	<b>\$36,345,350</b>	<b>\$37,221,174</b>	<b>\$40,585,459</b>	<b>\$36,221,617</b>	<b>(\$999,557)</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	453	457	457	457	445	(12)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>(12)</b>